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Public Notice

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

The Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) in Sections NAC 445A.6758 to 445A.67612, inclusive, outlines the environmental review procedures to be followed by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Protection Act. In accordance with these procedures, the NDEP has determined that the project described below is eligible for Categorical Exclusion and may be exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements.

Project Name: Water Quality Improvement Project

Project No.: Revision 1 2003 Priority List, No. 15

Applicant: Indian Hills General Improvement District

Estimated Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Assistance: \$1.7 million

Date: August 25, 2003

Brown's well currently supplies the majority of water delivered to the Indian Hills General Improvement District (IHGID). Water from Brown's well is highly colored and is currently treated with chlorine at the wellhead and filtered through granular activated carbon. The existing treatment does not meet Nevada's Secondary standard for color. In addition to color, Brown's well contains 20 parts per billion (ppb) of arsenic, which exceeds the maximum contaminant level of 10 ppb established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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The proposed Water Quality Improvement Project includes adding conventional ozone system to reduce color, to meet drinking water standards, and to eliminate the possible formation of disinfection byproducts. After completion of a pilot study on Granular Ferric Hydroxide arsenic removal media, it is proposed that arsenic removal filters be installed to be completed in time to meet the 2006 compliance date.

The project consists of construction of a building addition to the existing Water Treatment Plant in which to house color and arsenic removal equipment, including ozonation and filtration equipment. The entire project will take place, including all staging and construction, within the currently fenced boundaries of the four-acre site of IHGID Hobo Hot Springs Water Treatment Plant located at 3220 Hobo Hot Springs Road in Douglas County.

No known historic or archeological properties, wildlife or endangered species will be affected by the proposed project. This project is not expected to have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

Documentation to support these conclusions is available for public examination at the office of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, 1179 Fairview Drive, Suite 204, Carson City, NV 89701.

Comments for consideration on this proposed decision must be submitted by September 30, 2003 to Adele Basham, Supervisor, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, at the above address. If there are requests for additional information, please call Adele Basham at (775) 687-4750, extension 265.